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As the below named sole inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **MINIMIZING PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION OF A SOFTWARE MODULE THAT MANAGES IMAGES**, the specification of which is attached hereto and filed on even date herewith;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a);

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